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1. In November 1949, the North Korean authorities asked for volunteers from among Korean engineers to go to the USSR to inspect aerial cable transport systems there. Persons who volunteered received a bag of rice and 5000 North Korean won from the Soviets; persons who refused to join were arrested by the State Security police and shipped to the USSR by force, about 21 November, in a Soviet transport from Chongjin (129-49, 41-46). The duration of the inspection trip was set at two months.
2. When members of the party had not returned by February 1950, their families, who had had difficulty in making a living, inquired of the Ministry of Interior as to the cause of their delayed return. The only reply given by the Ministry was that the men would return within a few days. They had not yet done so by the end of March, and more parties of "volunteers" were being collected to go to the USSR.
3. The aerial cable transport line which was built between Honggun (洪君) and Pungsan-myon (豐山面) in South Hamgyong Province, at the time of the construction of the Hochon (128-16, 40-44) River hydroelectric plant was removed by Soviet order, beginning in February 1950. By the end of March, half of the entire installation had been dismantled.*

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* Comment. [REDACTED] for a description of possible use of dismantled material.

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